Action regarding streamlining madarsas functioning in India

2140. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of Pakistan clamping down on all the Madarsas of Pakistan and binding on them to fall in line with mainstream of Education, to curb militancy and to curb the flow of foreign funds to them; has our Government taken any steps so far to streamline Madarsas functioning to curb I.S.I. and foreign funds flowing into them;

(b) if so, the details of action taken so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Madarsa is a traditional institution for religious education. Its regulation is primarily the concern of the State Governments. Relevant laws already exist to curb militancy and the law enforcing agencies keep a close watch on the activities of all fundamentalist organisations and institutions having a bearing on communal harmony and internal security and take appropriate action wherever necessary.

So far as the flow of foreign funds into Madarsas is concerned, under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 various NGOs (including Madarsas) in India are permitted to receive foreign contribution from foreign sources for *bona-fide* activities in cultural, economic, educational, social or religious fields. Permission under the aforesaid Act is given only after careful verification of their antecedents. Funds which come through these source follow legal banking channels and are open to scrutiny and inspection. If any complaint of violation of the provisions of this Act comes to notice of the Government, appropriate action is taken under the law.

Tardy pace of some States towards modernization of police

2141. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently pulled up some States who are not doing enough towards modernization of police force;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the details of assistance given to various States for modernization of police forces;

(d) whether any physical verification has been conducted on the modernization of police forces in various States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in view of the low utilization of funds approved under the Non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces during 2000-01 and 2001-02, the Deputy Prime Minister had written to all the Chief Ministers recently to impress upon giving due priority to implementation of the Scheme.

(c) "Police" is a State subject as per the Constitution of India and therefore it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to modernize their police forces. However, keeping in view the changing security and law and order scenario, particularly in the face of growing terrorism and organized criminal activities, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces by way of implementing a Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces since 1969-70,under which financial assistance is extended to State Governments for purchased weaponry, communication equipment, construction of police stations, outposts, police housing etc. The Scheme is implemeted on cost sharing basis. Central assistance is given in 50% loan and 50% grant-in-aid. During 1969-70 to 1999-2000, a total amount of Rs. 536.74 crore was released to various State Governments. The annual Central allocation was Rs. 50 crore till 1998-99 which was raised to Rs. 200 crore for 1999-2000. The allocation was further enhanced to Rs. 1000 crore per annum from 2000-01 onwards from Rs. 200 crore. Accordingly Rs. 1,000 crors each was released to the States during 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively. A statement showing the funds approved and release of Central share in 2000-01 and 2001-02 is given as Statement-I (*See* below).

Besides the above Scheme, on account of special circumstances prevailing in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the State Government is reimbursed amount under the Security Related Expenditure which *inter-alia* includes reimbursement for purchase of arms/ammunition, vehicles, security/communication equipment etc. An amount of

Rs. 67.40 crore for Rs. 105.44 crore, Rs. 88.34 crore and Rs. 103.35 crore for 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-02 respectively was released to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir under this Scheme. Further, the Ministry of Home Affairs have also been operating a scheme known as Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure to fight the left-wing extremism in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The items eligible for reimbursement include bullet-proof vehicles, procurement of semi-automatic weapons, purchase of new vehicles like Gypsy and equipping the vehicles with latest communication devices etc. A total sum of Rs. 96.71 crore has so far been reimbursed to the States during the period 1.4.1996 to 31.3.2001.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing another Scheme for Modernization of Police Forces of the North-Eastern States since 1997-98, under which assistance is given in kind. The items covered under the Scheme include BP vehicles, communication and security equipment and weaponry. During the period 1997-98 to 2001-02 assistance in kind to the tune of Rs. 211.07 crore was given to these States. A Statement showing the State-wise releases is given as Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Yes, Sir. Central teams have been visiting various States to monitor this Scheme.

(e) The Central teams visited Haryana on 21.6.2002, Punjab on 22.6.2002, West Bengal on 27.7.2002, Karnataka on 5.9.2002 and Maharashtra on 5.9.2002. The Committee found the implementation of the Scheme in Haryana quite satisfactory. As regards Punjab, the State Government could spend substantial portion of the fund in respect of the plan approved in 2000-01. However, there was no progress in implementation of the plan approved in 2001-02. Implementation of the Scheme in Karnataka was observed to be satisfactory. The State Government of Maharashtra has also taken action to implement the Scheme and a substantial amount approved under it was spent by the State. The situation in West Bengal was not found satisfactory. Only about 50% of the fund in respect of the approved plan of 2000-01 could be spent by the State, whereas, there was no utilization with regard to the plan of 2001-02.

Statement-I

Funds approved and release of Central Share in 2000-01 and 2001-02, State-wise for modernization of police

(Rs. in crore)

Name of State	Approved allocation including State share	Actual funds released (Central Share) 2000-01	Approved allocation including State share	Actual funds released (Central Share) 2001-02
Andhra Pr.	144.04	72.02	154.405	77.2025
Arunachal Pr.	2.30	01.15	8.82917	04.414585
Assam	73.15	36.575	77.18	38.59
Bihar	115.17	57.585	108.00	54.00
Chhattisgarh	41.15	20.575	43.94	21.97
Goa	4.04	02.02	4.00	02.00
Gujarat	119.53	59.76	100.00	50.00
Haryana	56.67	28.325	48.9211144	24.4605572
Himachal Pr.	1.34	01.34	12.7589	06.37945
J & K	61.65	30.825	57.00	28.50
Jharkhand	80.30	40.15	57.87	28.935
Karnataka	165.70	82.85	153.9597	76.97985
Kerala	58.57	29.28	62.230374	31.115187
Madhya Pr.	108.97	54.49	106.00091	53.000455
Maharashtra	166.20	83.10	184.20	92.10
Manipur	8.20	04.10	9.90492	04.95246
Meghalaya	3.08	01.54	10.3829168	05.1914584
Mizoram	9.91	04.95	11.00	05.50
Nagaland	5.68	02.84	26.8855	13.44275
Orissa	61.15	30.575	61.00	30.50
Punjab	71.51	35.76	64.1997940	32.0998974
Rajasthan	91.05	45.525	122.20	61.10
Sikkim	3.66	01.83	5.7447	2.87235
Tamil Nadu	153.00	76.50	136.20	68.10
Tripura	12.79	06.39	11.20	05.60
Uttar Pr.	247.94	123.97	232.099	116.0495
Uttaranchal	11.01	05.50	16.888	08.444
West Bengal	120.95	60.475	113.00	56.50
TOTAL:	1998.00	1000.00	2000.00	1000.000

Statement-II

State-wise releases from 1997-98 to 2001-02 for implementation of another scheme for Modernization of Police Forces of the North Eastern States

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1.	Assam	1710	664	2272	2245	1821
2.	Nagaland	616	108	452	651	593
3.	Manipur	626	98	554	651	362
4.	Tripura	611	133	606	1381	832
5.	Meghalaya	—	122	474	635	325
6.	Mizoram	—	67	346	436	365
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	56	386	538	76
8.	Sikkim	—	—	—	206	89
	TOTAL (Year-wise)	3563	1248	5090	6743	4463

Action against advertisers who demean women

2142. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'The Hindu' dated the 19th September, 2002 captioned, "Advertisements demeaning women draw All India Democratic Women Association (AIDWA)";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government against such advertisements; and

(d) stringent action taken against advertisers like ICICI, LIC, who project so preference and discriminate against single women and affront to a woman dignity?